

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processor comprising:

a first recording means for recording a predetermined number of types of data related to a first content as a first main data group, and the first recording means recording a predetermined number of types of data related to a second content as a second main data group; and

a second recording means for recording data of types related to the first content but not in the first main data group as a sub data group, and the second recording means recording data of types related to the second content but not in the second main data group as the sub data group;

means for determining, when reading data about a content, whether a type of data to be read is that of data recorded in either the main data group or the sub data group; and

means for searching for data from a plurality of main data groups or sub data groups based on the result of the data type determination.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second recording means records a usage rule for the first and second contents as ~~the other types a~~ particular type of data.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second recording means records, as ~~the other types a~~ particular type of data, data used to control a device using the first and second contents.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising:

recording a predetermined number of types of data related to a first content as a first main data group;

recording a predetermined number of types of data related to a second content as a second main data group;

recording data of types related to the first content but not in the first main data group as a sub data group; and

recording data of types related to the second content but not in the second main data group as the sub data group;

determining whether a type of data to be read is that of data recorded in either the main data group or the sub data group, when reading data about a content; and

searching for data from a plurality of main data groups or sub data groups based on the result of the data type determination.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium having stored therein a computer-readable program for use in an information processing apparatus and method, the program comprising:

recording a predetermined number of types of data related to a first content as a first main data group;

recording a predetermined number of types of data related to a second content as a second main data group;

recording data of types related to the first content but not in the first main data group as a sub data group; and

recording data of types related to the second content but not in the second main data group as the sub data group;

determining whether a type of data to be read is that of data recorded in either the main data group or the sub data group; and

searching for data from a plurality of main data groups or sub data groups based on the result of the data type determination.

8. (Canceled)

9. (New) An information processor, comprising:

at least first and second recording means for recording a predetermined number of types of data related to at least first and second contents,

the first recording means enabling recording of said predetermined number of types of data related to the first content as a first main data group, and the second content as a second main data group,

the second recording means enabling recording of said predetermined number of types of data related to said at least first and second contents not in the first and second main data groups

as a sub data group without changing the configuration of the first and second main data group;
and

means for determining, when reading data about a content, whether the type of data to be read is that of data recorded in either the first and second main data group or the sub data group.

10. (New) The information processor of claim 9, further comprising

means for searching for data from a plurality of main data groups or sub data groups based on the result of the data type determination.

11. (New) An information processing method, comprising:

recording a predetermined number of types of data related to a first content as a first main data group, and a second content as a second main data group;

recording a predetermined number of types of data related to at least first and second contents not in the first and second main data groups as a sub data group without changing the configuration of the first and second main data group; and

determining, when reading data about a content, whether the type of data to be read is that of data recorded in either the first and second main data group or the sub data group.

12. (New) The information processing method of claim 11, further comprising

searching for data from a plurality of main data groups or sub data groups based on the result of the data type determination.